

The City of Frederick, Maryland
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of September 15, 2010

(Approved December 15, 2010)

Members Present: J. Myers, D. Rivera, M. Lawrence, J. Baldi, R. Jones

Staff Present: R. Myers, K. Winterstein, Alderman M. O'Connor

Regrets: C. Effland, J. Grove, C. Meierhoefer

Absent: R. Knight

Meeting called to order by Chairman J. Baldi at 7:08 p.m.

1. Review of the July 21, 2010 minutes:

Motion by J. Baldi to approve the minutes as submitted

2nd by J. Myers

All in favor.

2. Request from the Maryland Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association to serve beer and wine on Carroll Creek Urban Park at their proposed July 6, 2011 "National Brown Swiss Convention".

Ms. Bonnie Ramsberg & Ms. Cynthia Warner offered the following information regarding their event:

- ÿ Hosting the National Brown Swiss Convention July 6 - 9, 2011 in Frederick;
- ÿ Highlighting some of the finest cattle in North America;
- ÿ Youth activities and scholarship program;
- ÿ Holding the National Meeting of the Brown Swiss.

Excited about event and there will be attendees from all over the country including Canada and possibly Brazil. Will also be touring Baltimore, Washington DC and Frederick. Hosting "welcome" event between Carroll Creek Urban Park and the

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center and they expect approximately 200 people for dinner. Would like permission to serve beer and wine on the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater. The last time this convention was held in Frederick was 1989.

R. Myers stated this sounds like our first national convention.

M. O'Connor inquired about "controlled access". R. Myers stated that City Park staff will work with the group for the beer garden procedure.

MOTION by D. Rivera to recommend to the Mayor and Board to allow the National Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association to serve alcohol at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater on July 6, 2011 for the National Convention.

2nd by R. Jones

ALL in favor.

**This will go to the Mayor and Board for final approval - staff will notify the applicant of the date and time which will probably be early October.

3. Request from the Catoctin Charities to serve alcohol on Carroll Creek Urban Park at their proposed October 16, 2010 "Frederick Presidential Pet Election".

Mr. Phil Heffler offered the following information on their upcoming event:

- Y First "pet election" for president of Frederick County;
- Y Started in Rabbit Hatch, Kentucky in 1999;
- Y Three parties - elephant, donkey or fleabag party;
- Y Sign up online and accepted throughout the world;
- Y "Milkbone" band will be playing throughout the afternoon;
- Y Fun and quirky event with funds raised going to the Frederick County Humane Society and Frederick Red Cross.

Motion by M. Lawrence to recommend to the Mayor and Board to allow the Catoctin Charities to serve alcohol at the Carroll Creek Urban Park Amphitheater on October 16, 2011 for the "Frederick Presidential Pet Election".

2nd by J. Jones

ALL in favor.

**This will go to the Mayor and Board for final approval - staff will notify the applicant of the date and time which will probably be in early October.

4. Discussion regarding off-site forest conversation plan proposed for Riverside Center Park to Rivercrest Linear Park. Pam Reppert of the Planning Department presented the following information:

Riverside Center Park located off Monocacy Boulevard beside WalMart and with the plan review forest conservation is required. However, Allegheny Power has new regulations where we cannot put any type of planting under certain power lines which run across this property. We now have to displace the area under the power lines and find a new planting area. In meeting with Parks & Recreation staff, it was found that Rivercrest Linear Park, which backs up to Monocacy Village Park, is a good site for the new planting area connecting with an existing planted area and buffer the communities on each side. Total acreage is approximately 1.55 acres.

R. Myers stated staff is in concurrence as Rivercrest is not large enough for park equipment.

Motion by J. Myers to approve for 1.55 acres of forest conservation and offsite planting for Riverside Center Park in Rivercrest Linear Park;

2nd by M. Lawrence

ALL in favor.

5. Revision to playground design at Cannon Bluff Park by Harris, Smariga & Associates - delete little league field and add \$60K playground unit, three (3) single table pavilions and relocate path/bridge.

Mr. Chris Smariga offered the following information:

- ÿ Project is located in far northwest corner of the City off Walter Martz Road behind Tuscarora Creek development;
- ÿ Park improvements within the development adjacent to the HOA storm water management pond;
- ÿ Developer to build a portion of the Shared Use Path through this development and proposed at 8' wide at this time;
- ÿ Phase 1 is complete and the 2nd is under construction;
- ÿ Property annexed in 1999;
- ÿ Original proposed improvements included a little league field and parking lot;
- ÿ Use of the parkland has changed and in a meeting with staff, developer has agreed to grade and seed the entire area, building a parking lot with path/bridge over the stream. The plans also show a playground unit similar to Greenleaf

Park in Whittier with three (3) single table pavilions, that the City will build in the future.

R. Myers stated he totally support the new plan. In looking at the old plan there was a proposed public path leading into a private HOA area leading to nowhere which forced people in the parking lot onto the sidewalk along the main boulevard entrance. This is a win/win for the City with the nicer path and better located. Little league fields are not needed at this time and trying to put community activities in neighborhood parks which would be right in back of several houses. Also now able to locate the playground and pavilion further away from houses.

MOTION by R. Jones to recommend approval of the modifications of the parkland plan for Cannon Bluff as outlined in the presentation by Mr. Chris Smariga of Harris, Smariga and Associates.

2nd J. Myers

ALL in favor.

**R. Myers offered to Mr. Smariga that he might want to check with the City's Engineering Department as they are changing the standard specifications and details on the Shared Use Path to be 10' wide.

M. O'Connor opened general discussion was held regarding a master park plan. R. Myers offered that staff is on top of this situation and works closely with City staff and the Commission. Mr. Chris Smariga offered that the City's LMC also now has parkland requirements built into the Planning process.

M. Lawrence asked the status of the Hargett Farm Park. R. Myers offered that the Planning Department did an online survey which had about 250 hits. He further offered that more public/private partnerships need to be explored to develop this area if possible. M. Lawrence and J. Myers expressed the need for a running track in Frederick. M. O'Connor also commented about an indoor aquatic facility in Frederick City. R. Jones stated that Prince Georges County is the place to emulate. He further suggested looking at a facility to cover both of these issues and more.

R. Jones inquired about bicycle paths along City streets/roads. M. O'Connor offered there is now an adhoc Bicycle Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi A. Winterstein

Commission Secretary